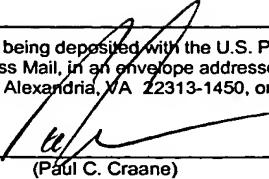




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The above-mentioned application was filed almost one year ago. It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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